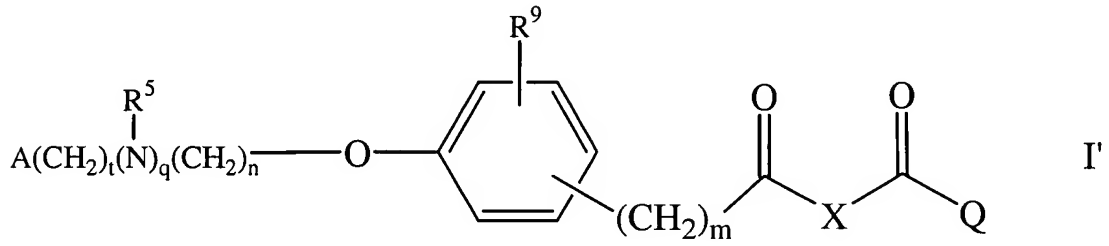
Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-13 as shown in the listing of claims that follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A ~~biologically active agent, wherein the agent is a~~ compound of the formula:



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wherein

n is 1 or 2;

m is 0 or 1;

q is 0 or 1;

t is 0 or 1;

R^5 is alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms; and

R^9 is hydrogen; and

X is $-CH_2CR^{12}R^{13}-$ wherein one of R^{12} and R^{13} is hydrogen or methyl and the other is methyl, Q is OR^1 and R^1 is hydrogen or alkyl having from 1 to 7

carbon atoms; or X is $-CH_2CH_2-$ and Q is $NR^{10}R^{11}$ wherein one of R^{10} and R^{11} is hydrogen, alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms or hydroxy, and the other is hydrogen or alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms; or

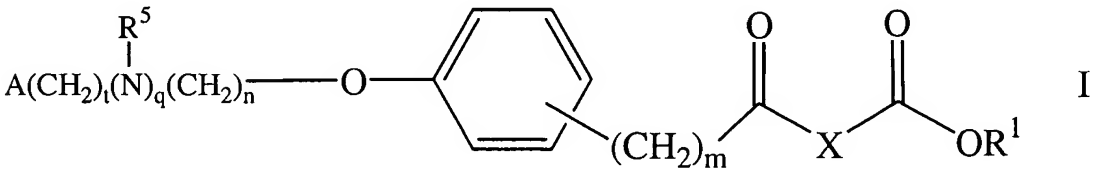
R^9 is halo, or alkoxy having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms; and

X is $-CH_2-$, Q is $-OR^1$ and R^1 is ethyl; or X is $-CH_2CR^{12}R^{13}-$ or $-CH_2CH(NHAc)-$ wherein each of R^{12} and R^{13} is independently hydrogen or methyl, Q is OR^1 and R^1 is hydrogen or alkyl having from 1 to 7 carbon atoms; or X is $-CH_2CH_2-$ and Q is $NR^{10}R^{11}$ wherein one of R^{10} and R^{11} is hydrogen, alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms or hydroxy, and the other is hydrogen or alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms; and

A is cycloalkyl having from 3 to 6 ring carbon atoms wherein the cycloalkyl is unsubstituted or one or two ring carbons are independently mono-substituted by methyl or ethyl;

or when R^1 is hydrogen, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound.

2. (Currently amended) A ~~biologically active agent, wherein the agent is a~~ compound of the formula:



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wherein

n is 1 or 2;

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t is 0 or 1;

R^5 is alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms;

A is cycloalkyl having from 3 to 6 ring carbon atoms wherein the cycloalkyl is unsubstituted or one or two ring carbons are independently mono-substituted by methyl or ethyl; and

X is $-CH_2-$ and R^1 is ethyl; or Xis $-CH_2CH_2-$ or $-CH_2CH(NHAc)-$ and R^1 is hydrogen or alkyl having from 1 to 7 carbon atoms;

or when R^1 is hydrogen, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound.

3. (Currently amended) The ~~agent~~ compound or salt of claim 2, wherein R^1 is hydrogen or ethyl.

4. (Currently amended) The compound or salt ~~agent~~ of claim 2, wherein q is 0.

5. (Currently amended) The compound or salt ~~agent~~ of claim 2, wherein X is $-CH_2CH_2-$.

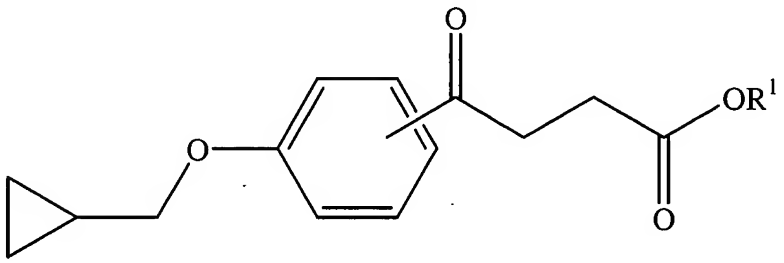
6. (Currently amended) The compound or salt ~~agent~~ of claim 2, wherein the cycloalkyl is unsubstituted or one or both ring carbons adjacent to the ring carbon covalently bound to the remainder of the compound of formula I are independently mono-substituted by methyl or ethyl.

7. (Currently amended) The compound or salt ~~agent~~ of claim 6, wherein A is unsubstituted cyclopropyl.

8. (Currently amended) The compound or salt ~~agent~~ of claim 2, wherein q is 1 and R^5 is methyl.

9. (Currently amended) The compound or salt ~~agent~~ of claim 2, wherein the compound is 4-(3-((Cyclobutyl)-methoxy)phenyl)-4-oxobutyric acid.

10. (Currently amended) The ~~biologically active agent~~compound of claim 2, ~~wherein the agent is a compound of~~represented by the formula:



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wherein

R^1 is hydrogen or alkyl having from 1 to 7 carbon atoms,

or when R^1 is hydrogen, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound.

11. (Currently amended) The compound or salt ~~agent~~ of claim 10, wherein R^1 is hydrogen or ethyl.

12. (Currently amended) The compound or salt ~~agent~~ of claim 11, wherein the compound is 4-(4-((cyclopropyl)-methyoxy)phenyl)-4-oxobutyric acid.

13. (Currently amended) The compound or salt ~~agent~~ of claim 11, wherein the compound is 4-(3-((cyclopropyl)-methoxy)phenyl)-4-oxobutyric acid.